

LIBERTY DAY TO BE CELEBRATED

**BIG PROGRAM AT GOOD-
EAGLE HALL TOMOR-
ROW EVENING**

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

**Patriotic Speaking and Music
Will Constitute Larger Part
of Program Observing
Day**

Liberty Day, today, as designated by both President Wilson and Governor Capper, will be appropriately observed in Baxter Springs. Because of the fact that Baxter Springs has already had her Third Liberty Loan drive day, it was deemed unnecessary here to have a holiday, but in the evening at Goodeagle hall (Chamber of Commerce) there will be a patriotic observance to which all the people of the city are invited and urged to attend. During the day also the Third Liberty Loan drive will be completed here, committees calling upon those people who have not yet invested in the bonds. It is the desire to give every one an opportunity to make an investment.

In accordance with the action of President Wilson and Governor Capper, Mayor E. L. Wright has issued a proclamation to the people of this city:

Mayor's Proclamation
The President of the United States and the Governor of Kansas respectively have issued proclamations designating Friday, April 26, 1918, as Liberty Day. Now, in conformity with their request that all the people observe the day as a Liberty Day and that the mayors of the various cities take appropriate action to carry out the intent of the movement, I, E. L. Wright, as mayor of the City of Baxter Springs, do hereby declare said day as such and would request that all places of business appropriately decorate with flags and make proper displays. I also request that a patriotic meeting of all citizens be held in the Goodeagle hall at 8 p. m. on said date for the purpose of rendering service to our country in this time of its great struggle.

Done under my hand this 25th day of April, A. D., 1918, at Baxter Springs, Kansas.
E. L. Wright.

The program for the evening patriotic meeting at Goodeagle hall has not been fully completed, but it is known at this time that it will be unique in many ways and different from other such programs given in the city. Both the Home Guards and the Boy Scouts will attend with their full strength and both will give brief drills during the evening in order that the citizens of Baxter Springs may know what these splendid organizations are doing. This will be the Home Guard's first public appearance and Captain Hiatt will have them in good shape, while Assistant Scout Master Earl Stevenson will have charge of the Boy Scouts.

Both Miss Priscilla Wear and Miss Mildred Poppell will sing, as will also the Baxter Male Quartette, and there will be other musical numbers, including several selections by the Baxter Springs band. Mayor Wright will preside, announcing the program. Rev. John Garretson will give a twenty minute patriotic address, and Hurlay Goodwin, the high school boy who won first place in a speakers contest, will give a four-minute speech.

Also during the evening, and as a part of the official program, there will be a local Council of Defense organized to co-operate with the national and state councils. A president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer will be elected.

It is urged that the people in general assist in making this an event of great patriotic importance.

Victor Berger, the pro-German congressman from Milwaukee, is planning on starting a Socialist paper in Oklahoma. Possibly Victor hasn't heard about that patriotic order down there called the Knights of Liberty. Berger has besmirched the character of Wisconsin; there ought to be some way to prevent him from defiling another state.

ZINC TO BE HIGHER BY GOVT. ACTION

**CARS WILL NOT BE FURNISHED FOR HAULING
MEXICAN ORE**

BUY NOW FOR GOVT. NEEDS

**Will Also Try to Induce Allies
to Lay In Supply of Zinc at
Once—Delegation On
Way Home**

The committee of Missouri-Kansas-Oklahoma zinc mine operators who have been in Washington for several days conferring with government officials on matters pertaining to the zinc market, started Wednesday on their homeward trip. In the party are O. W. Sparks, C. D. Smith, J. R. Underwood, C. H. Jaccard, Richard Jenkins, J. Stratton and P. A. Ewart.

The delegation has wired ahead that their interviews in Washington were very satisfactory. They express the belief that an early improvement in the market may confidently be expected.

The delegation learned that the war industries board has requested the United States government to place orders as soon as possible for the zinc it will need during the coming year in the manufacture of munitions. This board also has recommended to the allies that they place orders for zinc at once to as great an extent as they feel justified by their needs for the future. The order for our navy department will be placed immediately and an order by the United States army will be placed in the not distant future, the time depending somewhat upon the passage of the army appropriation bill by congress.

The other thing that encouraged the committee of mine operators was the information obtained from the war industrial board that, owing to the great need of cars throughout the country, cars which heretofore had been used in the transportation of zinc from Mexico would be taken from that business and used for the hauling of coal and other commodities in the middle west.

The committee reached Washington Monday noon and immediately had a conference with Representative Perl D. Decker of Joplin, who placed himself at the service of the committee.

Interest Speaker Clark
Mr. Decker and Representative Campbell of Kansas at once enlisted the interest of Speaker Champ Clark and members of the Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas delegations, and an arrangement was made for a conference Tuesday morning with Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board. At this conference there were present the committee of mine operators from the zinc district, Speaker Clark, Senator Owen, Senator Thompson, Representatives Faris, Ruby, Igoo, Campbell, Chandler, and Decker.

At the beginning of the conference Mr. Baruch informed the committee that he already had recommended to the railway administration the discontinuance of the use of cars for the transportation of zinc from Mexico, and expects a final decision on this question within a day or so. He assured the delegation that he is fully awake to the serious situation that confronted the mine operators and assured them that the government is very anxious that the mines be kept running at a reasonable profit and that it has been a matter of great concern with him and that he stands ready to do anything reasonable within his power to better the situation. The subject was discussed from every angle by different members of the operators' committee and by different congressmen present.

Need Cars At Home

Speaker Clark said that he did not know why cars were used to haul zinc from Mexico into this country, and people of his district had been complaining to him because they could not get cars sufficient to carry on their business.

Mr. Baruch replied that he heartily agreed with the speaker on this point and that this matter already has been brought to his attention some two or three weeks before by different persons and that he feels

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GAVE MOORE THE WATER CONTRACT

**Will Pay Albert Moore \$3,000
for Drawing Up Water
Plans and Engineering
the Job**

At the meeting of the city council Tuesday, immediately following the filing of a statement by Albert Moore that he would not charge the city more than \$7,555.00 for seeing through the engineering of the sewer construction job, the water committee through councilman Chas. Wells, made its report and recommended Mr. Moore for drawing up of the plans and engineering of the water system to be installed by the city.

Mr. Wells said he was not able to tell all that had been done in reference to the water question but that the committee had arrived at the point where they were ready to draw up the plans and specifications for the new plant to be sent to the state sanitary and health commission for approval. This will take about seven weeks.

The hiring of the engineer to do this work was next in order. Mr. Wells presented an application from Mr. Moore for the job at \$3,000 or 3 1/4% of an \$85,000.00 bond issue, plus \$25.00 to make it even up \$3,000.

Mr. Wells said he had some pretty good recommendations from towns in which Mr. Moore had completed work. Mr. Moore's bid was three and one-half per cent and a Fort Scott man whose name was not mentioned offered to do the work for 3 per cent. The Fort Scott man had written to Mayor Wright and his letter was referred to Chas. Wells. Two councilmen urged that Mr. Moore was well known and his work good and \$500.00 more or less was not a drop in the bucket when it came to getting good work done. J. O. Trece during this discussion said that Mr. Moore had offered in the presence of competition at another meeting to do the work for three per cent, urging he could do it cheap on account of already having familiarized himself and having compiled certain information and data that he could use. Mr. Trece appealed to other members of the council to bear him out and the Mayor said he had a hazy recollection of Mr. Moore saying something of the kind, but couldn't just recall in what connection. Mr. Moore denied having said it or said if he did say it he didn't remember it. Mr. Trece said he did not feel like it was right to make a price in the presence of competition and then hike it when competition seemed to have disappeared.

When the vote was taken Wells, Youse, Sikes and Stein voted to give Moore the contract and Trece voted against it. After his being chosen Mr. Moore addressed a few words to Mr. Trece deploring that his election had not been unanimous and saying that everyone would have to pull together to put this thing through. Mr. Trece seemed to deplore that he was compelled to take the position he did single handed. Moore sent a box of ten cent cigars to the council and those present before catching the last car to Joplin.

A negroess having imbibed just about the right amount of intoxicants took possession of the Frisco cafe Saturday night and made a strong endeavor to impress upon her audience her own importance. Esconched on a tall stool in the front window she was reading the riot act with some force when taken in charge by M. W. Foster. She, sobered and remorsefully pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace Sunday morning. Her fun cost her \$9.50, and from what the folks say who saw and heard her, was probably worth it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Gilman have started the foundation of their new home on Iola St.

NOTICE

The ladies of the Catholic church will have an apron sale Saturday, April 27. The aprons will be on display and sale in the south window of the Harvey furniture store.

The Comforts committee of the Navy league has received a fresh consignment of yarn for socks and helmets. Ladies willing to knit for boys in the navy may get yarn from Mrs. Reddy.

AUTO AWARD NEXT SATURDAY

**Close of The Daily Citizen and Weekly News Subscription Contest—
Contestants Putting Forth Best
Efforts To Win Prize**

Many people during the last few days have asked one or another of the weekly News staff who is going to win the Chevrolet Touring car, offered as a grand prize for the most subscriptions turned in.

No one in The Citizen office knows a thing about who is going to win. The votes are going into a sealed ballot box at the American National bank and this box will not be opened except by the judges selected by the contestants and not until 3 o'clock Saturday.

One thing we can safely prophesy, however, the contestant who hustles the hardest and has the most helpful friends, is the lady who will get the car. A friend isn't much of a friend if not willing to help when one needs help the most.

The contestants are as follows:
Miss Mildred Poppellwell.
Mrs. C. L. Mariner.
Mrs. Jim Hunter.
Miss Alta Archer.

The 5-passenger Chevrolet is now sold by A. Hood & Sons, local agents, at \$745.00. Surely it is a prize to be coveted and worth a mighty strenuous effort to win.

KANSAS KURRENTS

Winfield, April 24—The Grace Methodist church, recently destroyed by fire, will be replaced with a \$40,000 structure, to be erected on the campus of Southwestern Methodist College here.

Spearville, April 24—Rev. R. F. Kiser, pastor of the Methodist church here, has resigned his pastorate to take up Y. M. C. A. work in France. His wife is now preparing herself to follow in some form of war work.

Great Bend, April 24—The Great Bend patrol of boy scouts is the banner troop in Kansas in the sale of War Savings certificates, thrift stamps and liberty bonds, according to a letter from P. W. Goebel, of Kansas City, state war savings director, to Louis Sutavern, scout master.

Parsons, April 24—A gas well with a flow of half million feet a day, was struck on the Hunt farm near here, and drillers intend to go deeper in an old abandoned well nearby, in an effort to find gas or perhaps oil.

Frankfort, April 24—Marion Nerad, seven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Nerad, living northwest of town, is dead after a twenty-four hours illness from spinal meningitis.

PROGRESS IN MINING FIELD

The rapidity of the development in the Baxter mining field is indeed a marvel. Stay out of the territory for a couple of weeks and when you return you won't be able to locate yourself, so many new mills and new townsites having sprung into existence. The most remarkable growth in recent months is at Hockerville, which started less than a year ago on the wild prairie, and now has two or three thousand people and several mines within a stone's throw of one another. Hockerville and Ontario have grown together; now comes the new townsite of Kidd adjoining Hockerville on the west. Kidd is surrounded by mills and mill sites and the electric line runs along the north line, making it a convenient point for both home and business. All of this vast development is within three or four miles of Baxter Springs and when the new electric line is in operation it virtually will be a part of the Baxter community.

The Southwest Missouri company is pushing the building of its line. It is going ahead in spite of many hindrances occasioned by parties who have got out injections against crossing land, by Ficher who wants a bonus and the Frisco road who won't permit a crossing of their main line, all of which the electric company believes are schemes to hold them up for money. Rails and ties are being toted two or three miles by wagons because of no crossing at the Frisco, and the electric line is now practically complete up to within a half mile of Hockerville.

HOME GUARDS ELECT OFFICERS

Men of Previous Military Training Chosen—Non-Commissioned Officers To Be Appointed—Muster Soon

Fifty-seven men reported at the temporary armory, in Goodeagle hall Tuesday night for military drill in the Home Guards organization, and three hours were spent in earnest and effective work.

Officers were elected as follows:
Captain—W. E. Hiatt
First Lieutenant—H. D. Long
Second Lieutenant—C. L. Mariner
First Sergeant—R. D. Cook.

The balance of the non-commissioned officers will be selected strictly on merit by the Captain in conference with his lieutenants.

Pascal Poppellwell was appointed as bugler.

All of the above officers have had military training either in the national guard or regular army and will be able to put through the first lessons in foot movements in a short time. As soon as special efficiency is shown men will be raised from the ranks to non-commissioned officers who will carry on squad drilling.

Having effected the organization according to law it is expected that Adjutant General Huffman, or a member of his staff will come to Baxter soon to muster in the company. The arms will be furnished by the government, but the uniforms and other equipment will be furnished by either the men or by public subscription in Baxter. The Chamber of Commerce has been requested to help. There is still room in the company for men between 21 and 45 who wish to perform this much needed service for the government. They are requested to report to the officers or be present on the next drill night.

GAVE RED CROSS \$5.00

The local chapter of the Red Cross is very much obliged to S. G. McNutt. Mr. McNutt told Mrs. Russell Hale if she would get him a window flag for the mining office at Blue Mound he would give the Red Cross \$5. The flag came forthwith and so did the "V."

In reading up a little on the subject we find that Baxter Springs is really the only spot of historical interest in southeast Kansas. We might add to this comment that Baxter Springs has made more history in the last eight months than she used to make in as many years and we are just beginning to make history.

Mr. M. B. Rich went to Kansas City and St. Joe on Monday night to attend to business matters.

Mrs. Harry Ator was hostess Tuesday afternoon to the Tuesday Afternoon Card Club, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Jesse Wells on Tenth St. Two tables of players enjoyed the game of whist at which Mrs. Jas. Page made high score. The hostess served a delicious two course luncheon to the following: Mesdames Kelly Carmichael, A. E. Sheldon, Wm. Earls, T. M. Setser, Guy Shields, J. W. Barnes, James Page, L. L. Willard and Frank McDonald. The Club will be entertained in two weeks, May 8th, at the home of Mrs. Joseph Stephens.

THE RETAIL GROCERS' ASSOCIATION MEETS

Springfield, Ill., April 24—(By International News Service)—The capital city was a unit today in welcoming in hundreds of delegates from St. Louis, Decatur, Lincoln, Peoria and other Illinois cities, who came here to attend the Retail Grocers' Association meet. The gathering took the form of a picnic, the delegates bringing wives and families along.

A splendid programme for the entertainment of the visitors by the local organization is being carried out. The St. Louis coterie number more than 500. They came for a "good time," they said. Governor Frank O. Lowden and other state officials greeted the delegates.

In the addresses delivered by some of the speakers, food conservation as affecting the retail grocers was taken up. They urged a concrete patriotic stand and asked the public for support.

The event is annually participated in by the "show me" State merchants.

GIRL WELCHED ON BOY BANDIT

**YOUTHFUL CAR THIEVES
COME TO GRIEF WHEN
MONEY GIVES OUT**

SOAKED CAR FOR PITTANCE

**Ran Car Into White River and
Then Pawned and Abandoned—
Girl and Boy In Jail
Here**

A thrilling little episode surrounding the theft of the D. S. Chubb Buick car from Military avenue in Baxter was unfolded with the arrest of a boy and a girl at Neosho, Mo., Tuesday.

This is how it happened: Two boys of eighteen who have been running around and came here from Picher on the day of the theft, and a sweetheart of one of the boys, Mary Jacobs, seventeen years old, decided they had to have a car to go south with. The girl was stationed at the corner of Park and River Sts., and the boys came up town to get a car. The Chubb Buick was handy and filled the bill and was taken. The boys drove the car around and picked up the girl. They drove south through or near Joplin, Neosho, Mo., and Fayetteville, Ark. Six miles below Fayetteville, Ark., the youthful drivers ran the car off into White river. The hood was covered and the engine killed and they hired a farmer to pull them out. They were out of money and pawned the car to the farmer for \$30. This was at Greenland, Ark. They then came to Neosho, Mo., and it seems the girl thought her sweetheart was trying to abandon her and she turned the boys in. Gene Turner received the 'phone call last night and was kept busy all night giving identification of the car and making a trip in attempt to get the other boy who was not captured at Neosho. It is expected the other boy will be captured and brought to this city within the next few hours for his whereabouts and identity were known early yesterday and his capture is but a matter of hours. It is said that the father of the boy, here in jail, is a traveling salesman out of Pittsburg, Kas. The home of the girl and the boys is not known for certain at this writing.

The boy and girl were lodged in the Baxter jail Wednesday and are the subject of a deal of conversation on Military avenue this afternoon. The girl is rather small and says they did not give her a very good breakfast at the jail at Neosho this morning. Gene Turner has been doing some excellent work since the city marshal left and deserves a good deal of credit for bringing about several captures that have been made here in the last few days. It was due to some advertising sent out through him that the owners of the car were so quickly located.

Archie Chubb, Utt Wells and Jas. Page went down after the car this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ash have recently moved to Baxter Springs from Blue Mound. They are living in a new bungalow on South Military.

Mrs. J. E. Vincent of Miami, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. Cardin. H. E. Pettigrew has been transferred from the Woods Department Store in Baxter to the store in Webb City, Mo.

J. W. Cook has sold to J. H. Stephenson a 40-foot lot off the west side of their home on Tenth street. The consideration was \$750. Some of our wives who have not yet reached the point of having a servant owing to our inability to pay for them, have found that the banks of Spring River and the fields adjacent are growing an abundant crop of "greens." Curly burdock, water cress, mustard, dandelion and what not are coming forth in great profusion in the low places. The cold spell has kept the leaves from being "buggy" and this is the one time in the year when they are tender. About three cents worth of salt pork in about a half gallon of greens beats all the patent medicine going.